

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Boston N.

758, 759

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 19 Revere St.

Historic Name Albert F. Hitchings/Taylor/Tropeano House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1899

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Queen Anne

Architect/Builder

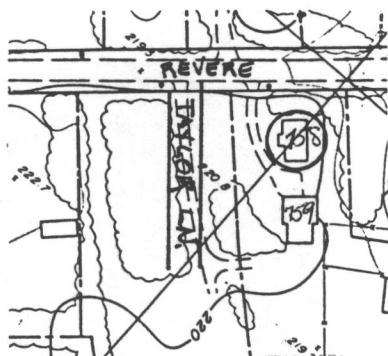
Exterior Material:

Foundation Fieldstone

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Barn



Major Alterations (with dates)

Residence added to barn (date unknown)

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 1.53 A.

Setting Near the bikepath (formerly railroad tracks) and at the corner of a new street with large new houses

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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) April 1998

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

19 Revere St. (MHC #758) is one of a number of Queen Anne farmhouses in Lexington but is distinguished by the existence of its associated barn. The house is rectangular with a rear ell, 2½ stories, three-by-three bays, and front-gabled with a side chimney in the ell. The two-by-three bay rear ell is flush with the southwest elevation of the house and set back on the northeast. The house is set on a fieldstone foundation, clad with wood clapboards, and roofed with asphalt shingles. The main entry, on the facade, has a paneled oak door with a square light; windows are 2/1 and 1/1 double hung sash. Queen Anne details include the full-width porch with a spindle frieze and turned posts on the facade; a two-story bay, a three-sided one-story bay, and a stained glass window on the northeast elevation; and a hip-roofed dormer and a one-story five-sided bay with a dentil course at the cornice on the southwest elevation. The 1½-story four-by-three bay barn (MHC #759) is side-gabled with a ridge chimney. There is a hay door in a center gable but the barn door has been replaced by a garage door. The barn has windows on the southwest and northeast elevations and a picture window in a one-story shed-roofed addition at the rear.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ see continuation sheet

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Deeds and Lexington assessors' records indicate that this house was built in 1899 by Albert F. Hitchings, a market gardener, when he moved to Lexington from Concord, for he bought the land without any buildings on it in November 1898 but was assessed for a house and barn on the parcel in 1899. Hitchings did not remain in Lexington very long, however; he sold the house in 1901 to the Rileys and they, in turn, sold it in 1916 to the Taylors, who had an estate and farm in the Larchmont Ln./Revere St. area with a big house on the hill south of Larchmont Ln. This house was part of the Taylor estate until 1934 when it was sold, along with Larchmont Farm (11 Larchmont Ln. [MHC #762]), to Alfred P. Tropeano, a relative of Joseph Tropeano, who had been the farm foreman. The Tropeano family still own the house.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Lexington Valuation Lists. 1897-1899.

Middlesex Registry of Deeds. Deeds. Cambridge, MA. 2696: 49; 2886: 61; 3159: 79, 80; 4068: 28; 5802: 61; 6691: 204, 205; 13660: 634.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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